

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE**

12 June 1963

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Central Reference**

**SUBJECT:                      Proposed- Scheduled                      25X1B**  
**Production Program**

**PROBLEM:**

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1. To develop a program which will permit the

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Office of Central Reference, to provide scheduled support to components of the Government previously relying on the NIS, which assumption of responsibility has been approved by the Deputy Director (Intelligence) and the USIB.

**BACKGROUND:**

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2. Criticism of inclusion of sections in the NIS program was based upon the contention that information is too transitory to be considered "basic" intelligence; and that the sections' contents therefore were usually outdated and severely reduced in usefulness. In addition to supplying OBI with

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the original reports for each of the sections,

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disseminated timely reports on current intelligence interest. It was therefore reasoned that an effective system, divorced from the NIS basic intelligence program, could be developed, utilizing the techniques employed by the Register, to assure scheduled production of relatively current, easily updated intelligence.

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**PROPOSAL:**

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1. That the Office of Central Reference,

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coverage would follow Production Schedule which initially,

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to the extent permitted by [REDACTED] internal capabilities and work-loads, would concentrate on bloc and "neutral" countries. The proposed program would produce a more flexible and less awkwardly comprehensive product; viz., country handbooks in the form of plastic looseleaf binders entitled, for example,

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[REDACTED] each containing an initial "core" group of 35 to 200 [REDACTED] reports (depending on the significance of the country); and each report not normally to exceed one sheet (two pages backed up). Distribution would follow the present [REDACTED] dissemination schedule, pending possible necessary changes as indicated by survey responses; and the issuances would constitute a [REDACTED] series: [REDACTED]

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Additionally, customers would be provided with a far more timely and therefore more useable product through new updating techniques: supplementing the original core of reports in each country handbook by quarterly dissemination of photographically-adapted versions of pertinent reports prepared for other purposes, with complete revisions tentatively scheduled every four years. Result: a more realistically attainable production schedule, with updating supplements virtually constituting a by-product of normal operations.

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4. New costs for which OCR would budget to support [REDACTED] would probably not exceed \$15,000 for supplies.

RECOMMENDATION:

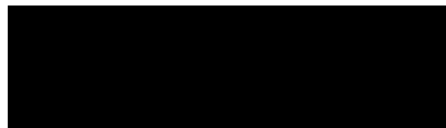
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5. That the proposed [REDACTED] Program (paragraphs 3 and 4 above and attachments) be approved and that this office be authorized to:

- a) enter into appropriate contracts for necessary supplies; and
- b) arrange with OBI for the issuance of appropriate notification.

Attachments

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CONCUR:

APPROVED:

Deputy Assistant Director  
Central Reference

Assistant Director  
Central Reference

OCR [REDACTED] WR:mk

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